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Chief, Contact Division, OO

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1. Clarence R. Rungee of 38 Dwight Street, New Haven is listed in the local directory as a naturopath; he has a hospital in another part of New Haven. We have not determined his local reputation in the field of naturopathy since it does not seem important in this case.

2. Rungee is not a native of New Haven but has been in the city for a good many years, and the International War Flag Museum stands for his private collection of flags--there is no museum as such. Ten or fifteen years ago, Rungee became interested in collecting flags, both American and foreign, which had some historical interest. This hobby he developed to such an extent, that he travels over the United States giving lectures to patriotic groups such as the American Legion, for which he receives either a fee or a percentage of the gate. It has been reported that he makes as much as five thousand dollars per show. He is apparently known quite widely throughout the country and his lectures are well-attended. In fact, he appears to be locally known much more for his lecturing than for his doctoring.

3. No information has come to light as to why Rungee should be writing high-ranking foreign generals for biographic material, but it is quite possible he wants to use the information in one of his flag talks.

4. In accordance with your request, no direct approach was made to Mr. Rungee. Contact Division is closing this case.

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